

# THE PORTICO



## Easter Garden

We hope that this ‘garden’ from one of our previous years, where the Holy Eucharist reposed before Easter, will evoke fond memories!

## Parish Facebook

There is a recently established Facebook Group called Catholics in Truro and on the Roseland that is being updated by the parish office quite regularly. Those interested should not confuse this with an older Group called Our Lady of the Portal - Interest Group which is loosely administered mainly for parishioners to post their own items of interest.

The parish office has now also set up a parish Facebook page under the name of Piran Saint which people can befriend and follow in the normal way.

## The Shopping Run

Some if not many of us have by now had the strange experience of shopping during this lockdown. Although shops have got better at it, it still seems a bit hit-or-miss whether you find long queues to get in, or shoppers don’t remember what social distancing means. If it is sensible for you to remain at home, remember that we have several volunteers who will do your shopping for groceries or collect medicines. (See overleaf)

The SVP has just introduced a fast-track Auxiliary Membership for parishioners who would like to get involved in a “knock and drop” delivery service. If you are interested, please get in touch with THE PORTICO or the SVP Truro Conference.

## Messages

### “Thank you”

(from several people) to Terri, for the details of transmissions from Walsingham

### A Blessing on Our Homes

(From Nan) The Parish of St John Henry Newman (Warrington) has a series of scripture readings, prayers and reflections that can be done in different parts of the home. It was set up by Fr Peter Montgomery who plans to add more throughout Holy Week and Easter. Fr Mark highly recommended it. [www.newmanparishwarrington.com](http://www.newmanparishwarrington.com)

### Prayer Request

(from Wendy) Please pray for a friend who has COVID-19 symptoms

### Seal the Doorposts

(from Evelyne) In this time of calamity, the Marian Fathers invite you to participate in a simple but incredibly powerful act of faith. To protect you and

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## Keep in Touch

- add your name on our mailing list
- contact another parishioner
- send news or messages

WRITE to us at: [jenny.kwee@me.com](mailto:jenny.kwee@me.com)

For help or a chat:



Truro Conference  
07474-941099

Please remember



because there are others worse off than us

## Our Lady of the Portal

Website

Diocesan Website

Facebook Page

## Parish Big Breakfast!



This photo is from our last Big Breakfast, almost 5 years ago now, with participants spilling into the back half of the room, out of sight!

## Heaven locked down?

‘For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.’ (Matthew, 25:35-6)

A parishioner (Francis) asks us: “This is about the Last Judgement, and gives clear and explicit guidance on how we will be ‘those whom my Father has blessed’, or not as the case may be. if the Coronavirus lockdown means we can’t really do any of those things, so Heaven must be on lockdown too?”

On the contrary, we feel it is heartening how our Truro parishioners have responded — whether at Treliske, the Foodbank, St Petros or just from home, so many are continuing to work in the spirit of the Gospel.

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## St Petros Appeal

St Petros, the Charity supporting vulnerable homeless people in Cornwall, reports that all their services remain open and operational in the present COVID-19 crisis, with even extended hours to address clients’ needs. They are appealing for donations through this [Crowdfunder](#) site, if you can help.



## Room with a view?

... the attached photo taken on my phone was snapped from our lounge window this evening...(from Paul)

**Readers** are invited to send/ email us your photo taken in or from your home. Paul may even award a small prize!

## Messages

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your family, we urge you to post an Image of the Divine Mercy on your front doors. For more information, click the above link or go to: [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

## Daily Masses

(please click on links)

Pope Francis, from Santa Marta, [Vatican TV](#) on Youtube

Bishop Mark from [Plymouth Cathedral](#) on Youtube

Fr Anthony Gormley from [Most Holy Trinity RC Church \(Newquay\)](#) on Facebook.

Fr Mark Skelton from [All Saints parish Teignmouth](#) on Facebook.

Other Masses suggested by our readers include:

Bishop Robert Barron's [Word on Fire](#) website

Jesuit [Church of the Immaculate Conception](#) in Farm Street, London

## Holy Week

Services will be streamed live from Plymouth Cathedral.

St Chad’s Cathedral in Birmingham will be the focus of national coverage of Watching on Holy Thursday - [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

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